

Executive Summary – Enforcement Matter – Case No. 43330

TA Operating LLC

RN105137020

Docket No. 2012-0133-MWD-E

Order Type:

Findings Agreed Order

Findings Order Justification:

People or environmental receptors have been exposed to pollutants which exceed levels that are protective.

Media:

MWD

Small Business:

No

Location(s) Where Violation(s) Occurred:

Petro Stopping Center 340, located at 101 Cornelius Road North, on Interstate Highway 35 East, approximately five miles north of Hillsboro, Carl's Corner, Hill County

Type of Operation:

Wastewater treatment facility

Other Significant Matters:

Additional Pending Enforcement Actions: No

Past-Due Penalties: No

Other: N/A

Interested Third-Parties: None

Texas Register Publication Date: May 4, 2012

Comments Received: No

Penalty Information

Total Penalty Assessed: \$35,875

Amount Deferred for Expedited Settlement: \$0

Amount Deferred for Financial Inability to Pay: \$0

Total Paid to General Revenue: \$35,875

Total Due to General Revenue: \$0

Payment Plan: N/A

SEP Conditional Offset: \$0

Name of SEP: N/A

Compliance History Classifications:

Person/CN - Average

Site/RN - High

Major Source: No

Statutory Limit Adjustment: N/A

Applicable Penalty Policy: September 2002

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Investigation Information

Complaint Date(s): N/A

Complaint Information: N/A

Date(s) of Investigation: November 22, 2011

Date(s) of NOE(s): December 3, 2011

Violation Information

Failed to comply with permitted effluent limits for five-day biochemical oxygen demand, dissolved oxygen, flow, and total suspended solids [TEX. WATER CODE § 26.121(a)(1), 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(1), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (“TPDES”) Permit No. WQ0014769001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements Nos. 1 and 6].

Corrective Actions/Technical Requirements

Corrective Action(s) Completed:

N/A

Technical Requirements:

The Order will require the Respondent to, within 180 days, submit written certification of compliance with the effluent limits of TPDES Permit No. WQ0014769001, including specific corrective actions that were implemented at the Facility to achieve compliance and copies of the most current self reported discharge monitoring reports, demonstrating at least three consecutive months of compliance with all permitted effluent limitations.

Litigation Information

Date Petition(s) Filed: N/A

Date Answer(s) Filed: N/A

SOAH Referral Date: N/A

Hearing Date(s): N/A

Settlement Date: N/A

Contact Information

TCEQ Attorney: N/A

TCEQ Enforcement Coordinator: Lanae Foard, Enforcement Division, Enforcement Team 1, MC 169, (512) 239-2554; Debra Barber, Enforcement Division, MC 219, (512) 239-0412

TCEQ SEP Coordinator: N/A

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Respondent: Thomas O'Brien, President, TA Operating LLC, 87 Maple Street, Stow, Maryland 01775

Barry A. Richards, Executive Vice President, TA Operating LLC, 87 Maple Street, Stow, Maryland 01775

Respondent's Attorney: N/A



Penalty Calculation Worksheet (PCW)

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

TCEQ

DATES	Assigned	9-Jan-2012	Screening	10-Jan-2012	EPA Due	
	PCW	18-Jan-2012				

RESPONDENT/FACILITY INFORMATION

Respondent	TA Operating LLC		
Reg. Ent. Ref. No.	RN105137020		
Facility/Site Region	9-Waco	Major/Minor Source	Minor

CASE INFORMATION

Enf./Case ID No.	43330	No. of Violations	2	
Docket No.	2012-0133-MWD-E	Order Type	Findings	
Media Program(s)	Water Quality	Government/Non-Profit	No	
Multi-Media		Enf. Coordinator	Lanae Foard	
		EC's Team	Enforcement Team 1	
Admin. Penalty \$ Limit Minimum		\$0	Maximum	\$10,000

Penalty Calculation Section

TOTAL BASE PENALTY (Sum of violation base penalties)	Subtotal 1	\$12,500
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ADJUSTMENTS (+/-) TO SUBTOTAL 1

Subtotals 2-7 are obtained by multiplying the Total Base Penalty (Subtotal 1) by the indicated percentage.

Compliance History	137.0% Enhancement	Subtotals 2, 3, & 7	\$17,125
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Notes: Enhancement for one NOV with dissimilar violations, 23 months of self-reported effluent violations, and one order with denial of liability.

Culpability	No	0.0% Enhancement	Subtotal 4	\$0
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Notes: The Respondent does not meet the culpability criteria.

Good Faith Effort to Comply Total Adjustments	Subtotal 5	\$0
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Economic Benefit	50.0% Enhancement*	Subtotal 6	\$6,250
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Total EB Amounts \$17,192
Approx. Cost of Compliance \$250,000

*Capped at the Total EB \$ Amount

SUM OF SUBTOTALS 1-7	Final Subtotal	\$35,875
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OTHER FACTORS AS JUSTICE MAY REQUIRE	0.0%	Adjustment	\$0
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Reduces or enhances the Final Subtotal by the indicated percentage.

Notes:

Final Penalty Amount	\$35,875
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STATUTORY LIMIT ADJUSTMENT	Final Assessed Penalty	\$35,875
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DEFERRAL	0.0% Reduction	Adjustment	\$0
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Reduces the Final Assessed Penalty by the indicated percentage. (Enter number only; e.g. 20 for 20% reduction.)

Notes:

No deferral is recommended for Findings Orders.

PAYABLE PENALTY	\$35,875
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Screening Date 10-Jan-2012

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PCW

Respondent TA Operating LLC

Policy Revision 2 (September 2002)

Case ID No. 43330

PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN105137020

Media [Statute] Water Quality

Enf. Coordinator Lanae Foard

Compliance History Worksheet

>> Compliance History Site Enhancement (Subtotal 2)

Component	Number of...	Enter Number Here	Adjust.
NOVs	Written notices of violation ("NOVs") with same or similar violations as those in the current enforcement action (<i>number of NOVs meeting criteria</i>)	23	115%
	Other written NOVs	1	2%
Orders	Any agreed final enforcement orders containing a denial of liability (<i>number of orders meeting criteria</i>)	1	20%
	Any adjudicated final enforcement orders, agreed final enforcement orders without a denial of liability, or default orders of this state or the federal government, or any final prohibitory emergency orders issued by the commission	0	0%
Judgments and Consent Decrees	Any non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees containing a denial of liability of this state or the federal government (<i>number of judgments or consent decrees meeting criteria</i>)	0	0%
	Any adjudicated final court judgments and default judgments, or non-adjudicated final court judgments or consent decrees without a denial of liability, of this state or the federal government	0	0%
Convictions	Any criminal convictions of this state or the federal government (<i>number of counts</i>)	0	0%
Emissions	Chronic excessive emissions events (<i>number of events</i>)	0	0%
Audits	Letters notifying the executive director of an intended audit conducted under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (<i>number of audits for which notices were submitted</i>)	0	0%
	Disclosures of violations under the Texas Environmental, Health, and Safety Audit Privilege Act, 74th Legislature, 1995 (<i>number of audits for which violations were disclosed</i>)	0	0%
Please Enter Yes or No			
Other	Environmental management systems in place for one year or more	No	0%
	Voluntary on-site compliance assessments conducted by the executive director under a special assistance program	No	0%
	Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program	No	0%
	Early compliance with, or offer of a product that meets future state or federal government environmental requirements	No	0%

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 2) 137%

>> Repeat Violator (Subtotal 3)

No

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 3) 0%

>> Compliance History Person Classification (Subtotal 7)

Average Performer

Adjustment Percentage (Subtotal 7) 0%

>> Compliance History Summary

Compliance History Notes

Enhancement for one NOV with dissimilar violations, 23 months of self-reported effluent violations, and one order with denial of liability.

Total Adjustment Percentage (Subtotals 2, 3, & 7) 137%

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PCW Revision October 30, 2008

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Media [Statute] Water Quality

Enf. Coordinator Lanae Foard

Violation Number 1

Rule Cite(s)

Tex. Water Code § 26.121(a)(1), 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 305.125(1), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") Permit No. WQ0014769001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements Nos. 1 and 6

Violation Description

Failed to comply with permitted effluent limits, as documented during a record review conducted on November 22, 2011, and shown in the attached violation table.

Base Penalty \$10,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm		
	Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual	X		
Potential			

Percent 50%

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor

Percent 0%

Matrix Notes

A simplified model was used to evaluate five-day biochemical oxygen demand ("BOD₅") and flow to determine whether the discharged amounts of pollutants exceeded protective levels. Dissolved oxygen and total suspended solids were also considered. Human health or the environment has been exposed to pollutants which exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors as a result of the violation.

Adjustment \$5,000

\$5,000

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 2

61 Number of violation days

mark only one with an x	daily	
	weekly	
	monthly	X
	quarterly	
	semiannual	
	annual	
	single event	

Violation Base Penalty \$10,000

Two monthly events are recommended for the months of June 2011 and July 2011.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

0.0% Reduction

\$0

Before NOV NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer

Extraordinary		
Ordinary		
N/A	X	(mark with x)

Notes

The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria for this violation.

Violation Subtotal \$10,000

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$17,192

Violation Final Penalty Total \$28,700

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$28,700

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent TA Operating LLC
 Case ID No. 43330
 Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN105137020
 Media Water Quality
 Violation No. 1

Percent Interest 5.0
 Years of Depreciation 15

Item Cost Date Required Final Date Yrs Interest Saved Onetime Costs EB Amount
 Item Description No commas or \$

Delayed Costs

Equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs				0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)	\$250,000	30-Jun-2011	13-Nov-2012	1.38	\$17,192	n/a	\$17,192

Notes for DELAYED costs

Estimated cost to purchase and install a parallel package plant to ensure that the Facility has sufficient capacity for the discharge being generated. Date required is the initial date of noncompliance. Final date is the expected date of compliance.

Avoided Costs

ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)

Disposal				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/equipment				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)				0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$250,000

TOTAL

\$17,192

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PCW

Respondent TA Operating LLC

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PCW Revision October 30, 2008

Reg. Ent. Reference No. RN105137020

Media [Statute] Water Quality

Enf. Coordinator Lanae Foard

Violation Number 2

Rule Cite(s) Tex. Water Code § 26.121(a)(1), 30 Tex. Admin. Code § 305.125(1), and TPDES Permit No. WQ0014769001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements Nos. 1 and 6

Violation Description Failed to comply with permitted effluent limits, as documented during a record review conducted on November 22, 2011, and shown in the attached violation table.

Base Penalty \$10,000

>> Environmental, Property and Human Health Matrix

OR

Release	Harm		
	Major	Moderate	Minor
Actual		X	
Potential			

Percent 25%

>> Programmatic Matrix

Falsification	Major	Moderate	Minor

Percent 0%

Matrix Notes

A simplified model was used to evaluate BOD₅ and flow to determine whether the discharged amounts of pollutants exceeded protective levels. Dissolved oxygen and total suspended solids were also considered. Human health or the environment has been exposed to significant amounts of pollutants which do not exceed levels that are protective of human health or environmental receptors as a result of the violation.

Adjustment \$7,500

\$2,500

Violation Events

Number of Violation Events 1

31 Number of violation days

mark only one with an x	daily	
	weekly	
	monthly	X
	quarterly	
	semiannual	
	annual	
	single event	

Violation Base Penalty \$2,500

One monthly event is recommended for the month of August 2011.

Good Faith Efforts to Comply

0.0% Reduction

\$0

	Before NOV	NOV to EDPRP/Settlement Offer
Extraordinary		
Ordinary		
N/A	X	(mark with x)

Notes

The Respondent does not meet the good faith criteria for this violation.

Violation Subtotal \$2,500

Economic Benefit (EB) for this violation

Statutory Limit Test

Estimated EB Amount \$0

Violation Final Penalty Total \$7,175

This violation Final Assessed Penalty (adjusted for limits) \$7,175

Economic Benefit Worksheet

Respondent TA Operating LLC
Case ID No. 43330
Req. Ent. Reference No. RN105137020
Media Water Quality
Violation No. 2

Percent Interest 5.0
Years of Depreciation 15

Item Cost Date Required Final Date Yrs Interest Saved Onetime Costs EB Amount
Item Description No commas or \$

Delayed Costs

Equipment			0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Buildings			0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)			0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Engineering/construction			0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land			0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Record Keeping System			0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Training/Sampling			0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Remediation/Disposal			0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Permit Costs			0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0
Other (as needed)			0.00	\$0	n/a	\$0

Notes for DELAYED costs

Economic benefit for this violation is included with Violation No. 1.

Avoided Costs

ANNUALIZE [1] avoided costs before entering item (except for one-time avoided costs)

Disposal			0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Personnel			0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inspection/Reporting/Sampling			0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies/equipment			0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Financial Assurance [2]			0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
ONE-TIME avoided costs [3]			0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other (as needed)			0.00	\$0	\$0	\$0

Notes for AVOIDED costs

Approx. Cost of Compliance

\$0

TOTAL

\$0

EFFLUENT VIOLATION TABLE TA Operating LLC TPDES Permit No. WQ0014769001 Docket No. 2012-0133-MWD-E			
Permitted Effluent Limits	Monitoring Period		
	June 2011	July 2011	August 2011
BOD ₅ Daily Average Concentration Limit = 10 mg/L	144	133	13
BOD ₅ Single Grab Maximum Limit = 35 mg/L	196	250	c
BOD ₅ Daily Average Loading Limit = 1.3 lbs/day	39.27	25.90	2.3292
Dissolved Oxygen Monthly Minimum Concentration Limit = 4 mg/L	3.1	2.7	3.3
Flow Daily Average Limit = 0.015 MGD	0.0222	0.0210	0.0179
TSS Daily Average Loading Limit = 1.9 lbs/day	55	48.94	3.8608
TSS Daily Average Concentration Limit = 15 mg/L	333	249	22
TSS Single Grab Maximum Limit = 60 mg/L	365	345	c

BOD₅ = five-day biochemical oxygen demand

TSS = total suspended solids

mg/L = milligrams per liter

lbs/day = pounds per day

MGD = million gallons per day

c = compliant

Compliance History

Customer/Respondent/Owner-Operator: CN603171661 TA Operating LLC Classification: AVERAGE Rating: 18.13

Regulated Entity: RN105137020 PETRO STOPPING CENTER 340 Classification: HIGH Site Rating: 0.00

ID Number(s): WASTEWATER PERMIT WQ0014769001
WASTEWATER EPA ID TX0129348

Location: Located at 101 Cornelius Road North, in the town of Carl's Corner, on Interstate Highway 35 East, approximately five miles north of Hillsboro, Hill County, Texas

TCEQ Region: REGION 09 - WACO

Date Compliance History Prepared: May 21, 2012

Agency Decision Requiring Compliance History: Enforcement

Compliance Period: January 07, 2007 to January 07, 2012

TCEQ Staff Member to Contact for Additional Information Regarding this Compliance History

Name: Lanae Foard Phone: (512) 239-2554

Site Compliance History Components

1. Has the site been in existence and/or operation for the full five year compliance period? YES
2. Has there been a (known) change in ownership/operator of the site during the compliance period? YES
3. If YES, who is the current owner/operator? TA Operating LLC
4. If YES, who was/were the prior owner(s)/operator(s)? Trucker's Corner, L.P.
5. If YES, when did the change(s) in owner or operator occur? May 12, 2011
6. Rating Date: 9/1/2011 Repeat Violator: NO

Components (Multimedia) for the Site :

- A. Final Enforcement Orders, court judgments, and consent decrees of the State of Texas and the federal government.

Effective Date: 03/19/2011

ADMINORDER 2010-1344-MWD-E

Classification: Moderate

Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)

Rqmt Prov: Effluent Limits PERMIT

Description: Failed to comply with permit effluent limits.

Classification: Moderate

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(17)
30 TAC Chapter 319, SubChapter A 319.1

Rqmt Prov: Sludge Reporting Requirements PERMIT

Description: Failure to submit effluent monitoring results at the intervals specified in the permit.

Specifically, the annual sludge report for the monitoring period ending July 31, 2009 was not submitted

within the prescribed time frame.

- B. Any criminal convictions of the state of Texas and the federal government.

N/A

- C. Chronic excessive emissions events.

N/A

- D. The approval dates of investigations. (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.)

2	11/13/2009	(779630)
3	03/30/2010	(837059)
4	03/30/2010	(837060)
5	03/30/2010	(837061)
6	03/30/2010	(837062)
7	03/30/2010	(837063)
8	04/12/2010	(837064)
9	03/30/2010	(837065)
10	05/11/2010	(837066)
11	03/30/2010	(837067)
12	03/30/2010	(837068)
13	03/30/2010	(837069)
14	03/30/2010	(837070)
15	03/30/2010	(837071)
16	03/30/2010	(837072)
17	03/30/2010	(837073)
18	03/30/2010	(837074)
19	03/30/2010	(837075)
20	03/30/2010	(837076)
21	03/30/2010	(837077)
22	03/30/2010	(837078)
23	08/13/2010	(841975)
24	06/09/2010	(848160)
25	06/30/2010	(862651)
26	08/09/2010	(869226)
27	09/08/2010	(876114)
28	10/07/2010	(883713)
29	11/18/2010	(890068)
30	12/10/2010	(898475)
31	01/10/2011	(904320)
32	04/14/2011	(907331)

33 02/07/2011 (911205)

34 04/19/2011 (913245)

35 03/14/2011 (918486)

36 04/25/2011 (931724)

37 05/06/2011 (947603)

38 06/20/2011 (947604)

39 07/18/2011 (954864)

40 08/22/2011 (961446)

41 09/12/2011 (967581)

42 12/06/2011 (969508)

43 10/17/2011 (973517)

E. Written notices of violations (NOV). (CCEDS Inv. Track. No.)

Date: 01/31/2009 (837059) CN603171661

Self Report? YES Classification: Moderate

Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)

Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter

Date: 02/28/2009 (837061) CN603171661

Self Report? YES Classification: Moderate

Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)

Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter

Date: 03/31/2009 (837063) CN603171661

Self Report? YES Classification: Moderate

Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)

Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter

Date: 04/23/2009 (743196) CN603171661

Self Report? NO Classification: Minor

Citation: 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(5)
Operational Requirements; No. 4, Pg. 10 PERMIT

Description: Failure to install and subsequently maintain adequate safeguards to prevent the discharge of untreated or inadequately treated wastes during electrical power failures by means of alternate power sources, standby generators, and/or retention of inadequately treated wastewater.

Date: 04/30/2009 (837065) CN603171661

Self Report? YES Classification: Moderate

Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)

Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter

Date: 05/31/2009 (837067) CN603171661
Self Report? YES Classification: Moderate
Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter

Date: 06/30/2009 (837068) CN603171661
Self Report? YES Classification: Moderate
Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter

Date: 08/31/2009 (837070) CN603171661
Self Report? YES Classification: Moderate
Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter

Date: 09/30/2009 (837072) CN603171661
Self Report? YES Classification: Moderate
Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter

Date: 10/31/2009 (837074) CN603171661
Self Report? YES Classification: Moderate
Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter

Date: 11/30/2009 (837076) CN603171661
Self Report? YES Classification: Moderate
Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter

Date: 12/31/2009 (837078) CN603171661
Self Report? YES Classification: Moderate
Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter

Date: 01/31/2010 (837060) CN603171661
Self Report? YES Classification: Moderate
Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter

Date: 02/28/2010 (837062) CN603171661
Self Report? YES Classification: Moderate
Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter

Date: 03/31/2010 (837064) CN603171661
Self Report? YES Classification: Moderate
Citation: 2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a)
30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)
Description: Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter

Date:	04/30/2010	(837066)	CN603171661
Self Report?	YES		Classification: Moderate
Citation:	2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a) 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)		
Description:	Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter		

Date:	05/31/2010	(848160)	CN603171661
Self Report?	YES		Classification: Moderate
Citation:	2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a) 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)		
Description:	Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter		

Date:	06/30/2010	(862651)	CN603171661
Self Report?	YES		Classification: Moderate
Citation:	2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a) 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)		
Description:	Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter		

Date:	07/31/2010	(869226)	CN603171661
Self Report?	YES		Classification: Moderate
Citation:	2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a) 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)		
Description:	Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter		

Date:	05/31/2011	(947604)	CN603171661
Self Report?	YES		Classification: Moderate
Citation:	2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a) 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)		
Description:	Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter		

Date:	06/30/2011	(954864)	CN603171661
Self Report?	YES		Classification: Moderate
Citation:	2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a) 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)		
Description:	Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter		

Date:	07/31/2011	(961446)	CN603171661
Self Report?	YES		Classification: Moderate
Citation:	2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a) 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)		
Description:	Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter		

Date:	08/31/2011	(967581)	CN603171661
Self Report?	YES		Classification: Moderate
Citation:	2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a) 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)		
Description:	Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter		

Date:	09/30/2011	(973517)	CN603171661
Self Report?	YES		Classification: Moderate
Citation:	2D TWC Chapter 26, SubChapter A 26.121(a) 30 TAC Chapter 305, SubChapter F 305.125(1)		
Description:	Failure to meet the limit for one or more permit parameter		

F. Environmental audits.

N/A

G. Type of environmental management systems (EMSs).

N/A

H. Voluntary on-site compliance assessment dates.

N/A

I. Participation in a voluntary pollution reduction program.

N/A

J. Early compliance.

N/A

Sites Outside of Texas

N/A

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



IN THE MATTER OF AN
ENFORCEMENT ACTION
CONCERNING
TA OPERATING LLC
RN105137020

§ BEFORE THE
§
§ TEXAS COMMISSION ON
§
§ ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

AGREED ORDER DOCKET NO. 2012-0133-MWD-E

At its _____ agenda, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality ("the Commission" or "TCEQ") considered this agreement of the parties, resolving an enforcement action regarding TA Operating LLC ("the Respondent") under the authority of TEX. WATER CODE chs. 7 and 26. The Executive Director of the TCEQ, through the Enforcement Division, and the Respondent presented this agreement to the Commission.

The Respondent understands that it has certain procedural rights at certain points in the enforcement process, including, but not limited to, the right to formal notice of violations, notice of an evidentiary hearing, the right to an evidentiary hearing, and a right to appeal. By entering into this Agreed Order, the Respondent agrees to waive all notice and procedural rights.

It is further understood and agreed that this Order represents the complete and fully-integrated settlement of the parties. The provisions of this Agreed Order are deemed severable and, if a court of competent jurisdiction or other appropriate authority deems any provision of this Agreed Order unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall be valid and enforceable. The duties and responsibilities imposed by this Agreed Order are binding upon the Respondent.

The Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent owns and operates a wastewater treatment facility located at 101 Cornelius Road North, on Interstate Highway 35 East, approximately five miles north of Hillsboro in Carl's Corner, Hill County, Texas (the "Facility").

2. The Respondent has discharged municipal waste into or adjacent to any water in the state under TEX. WATER CODE ch. 26.
3. During a record review on November 22, 2011, TCEQ staff documented the following from the self-reported monthly discharge monitoring reports ("DMRs"):

EFFLUENT VIOLATION TABLE			
Permitted Effluent Limits	Monitoring Period		
	June 2011	July 2011	August 2011
BOD5 Daily Average Concentration Limit = 10 mg/L	144	133	13
BOD5 Single Grab Maximum Limit = 35 mg/L	196	250	c
BOD5 Daily Average Loading Limit = 1.3 lbs/day	39.27	25.90	2.3292
Dissolved Oxygen Monthly Minimum Concentration Limit = 4 mg/L	3.1	2.7	3.3
Flow Daily Average Limit = 0.015 MGD	0.0222	0.0210	0.0179
TSS Daily Average Loading Limit = 1.9 lbs/day	55	48.94	3.8608
TSS Daily Average Concentration Limit = 15 mg/L	333	249	22
TSS Single Grab Maximum Limit = 60 mg/L	365	345	c

BOD5 = five-day biochemical oxygen demand

TSS = total suspended solids

mg/L = milligrams per liter

lbs/day = pounds per day

MGD = million gallons per day

c = compliant

4. The Respondent received notice of the violations on December 8, 2011.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the TCEQ pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE chs. 7 and 26 and the rules of the Commission.
2. As evidenced by Findings of Fact No. 3, the Respondent failed to comply with permitted effluent limits, in violation of TEX. WATER CODE § 26.121(a)(1), 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 305.125(1), and Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("TPDES") Permit No. WQ0014769001, Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements Nos. 1 and 6.
3. Pursuant to TEX. WATER CODE § 7.051, the Commission has the authority to assess an administrative penalty against the Respondent for violations of the Texas Water Code and the Texas Health and Safety Code within the Commission's jurisdiction; for violations of rules adopted under such statutes; or for violations of orders or permits issued under such statutes.
4. An administrative penalty in the amount of Thirty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$35,875) is justified by the facts recited in this Agreed Order, and considered in light of the factors set forth in TEX. WATER CODE § 7.053. The Respondent has paid the Thirty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Dollar (\$35,875) administrative penalty.

III. ORDERING PROVISIONS

NOW, THEREFORE, THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ORDERS that:

1. The Respondent is assessed an administrative penalty in the amount of Thirty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$35,875) as set forth in Section II, Paragraph 4 above, for violations of TCEQ rules and state statutes. The payment of this administrative penalty and the Respondent's compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order completely resolve the violations set forth by this Agreed Order in this action. However, the Commission shall not be constrained in any manner from requiring corrective actions or penalties for other violations that are not raised here. Administrative penalty payments shall be made payable to "TCEQ" and shall be sent with the notation "Re: TA Operating LLC, Docket No. 2012-0133-MWD-E" to:

Financial Administration Division, Revenues Section
Attention: Cashier's Office, MC 214
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13088
Austin, Texas 78711-3088

2. It is further ordered that, within 180 days after the effective date of this Agreed Order, the Respondent shall submit written certification of compliance with the effluent limits of TPDES Permit No. WQ0014769001, including specific corrective actions that were implemented at the Facility to achieve compliance and copies of the most current self reported DMRs, demonstrating at least three consecutive months of compliance with all permitted effluent limitations. The certification shall include detailed supporting documentation to demonstrate compliance, be notarized by a State of Texas Notary Public and include the following certification language:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted and all attached documents, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for knowing violations."

The certification shall be submitted to:

Order Compliance Team
Enforcement Division, MC 149A
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
P.O. Box 13087
Austin, Texas 78711-3087

with a copy to:

Water Section, Manager
Waco Regional Office
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
6801 Sanger Avenue, Suite 2500
Waco, Texas 76710-7826


3. The provisions of this Agreed Order shall apply to and be binding upon the Respondent. The Respondent is ordered to give notice of the Agreed Order to personnel who maintain day-to-day control over the Facility operations referenced in this Agreed Order.
4. If the Respondent fails to comply with any of the Ordering Provisions in this Agreed Order within the prescribed schedules, and that failure is caused solely by an act of God, war, strike, riot, or other catastrophe, the Respondent's failure to comply is not a violation of this Agreed Order. The Respondent shall have the burden of establishing to the Executive Director's satisfaction that such an event has occurred. The Respondent shall notify the Executive Director within seven days after the Respondent becomes aware of a delaying event and shall take all reasonable measures to mitigate and minimize any delay.

5. The Executive Director may grant an extension of any deadline in this Agreed Order or in any plan, report, or other document submitted pursuant to this Agreed Order, upon a written and substantiated showing of good cause. All requests for extensions by the Respondent shall be made in writing to the Executive Director. Extensions are not effective until the Respondent receives written approval from the Executive Director. The determination of what constitutes good cause rests solely with the Executive Director.
6. The Executive Director may refer this matter to the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Texas ("OAG") for further enforcement proceedings without notice to the Respondent if the Executive Director determines that the Respondent has not complied with one or more of the terms or conditions in this Agreed Order.
7. This Agreed Order shall terminate five years from its effective date or upon compliance with all the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreed Order, whichever is later.
8. This Agreed Order, issued by the Commission, shall not be admissible against the Respondent in a civil proceeding, unless the proceeding is brought by the OAG to: (1) enforce the terms of this Agreed Order; or (2) pursue violations of a statute within the Commission's jurisdiction, or of a rule adopted or an order or permit issued by the Commission under such a statute.
9. This Agreed Order may be executed in separate and multiple counterparts, which together shall constitute a single instrument. Any page of this Agreed Order may be copied, scanned, digitized, converted to electronic portable document format ("pdf"), or otherwise reproduced and may be transmitted by digital or electronic transmission, including but not limited to facsimile transmission and electronic mail. Any signature affixed to this Agreed Order shall constitute an original signature for all purposes and may be used, filed, substituted, or issued for any purpose for which an original signature could be used. The term "signature" shall include manual signatures and true and accurate reproductions of manual signatures created, executed, endorsed, adopted, or authorized by the person or persons to whom the signatures are attributable. Signatures may be copied or reproduced digitally, electronically, by photocopying, engraving, imprinting, lithographing, electronic mail, facsimile transmission, stamping, or any other means or process which the Executive Director deems acceptable. In this paragraph exclusively, the terms "electronic transmission", "owner", "person", "writing", and "written" shall have the meanings assigned to them under TEX. BUS. ORG. CODE § 1.002.
10. The Chief Clerk shall provide a copy of this Agreed Order to each of the parties. By law, the effective date of this Agreed Order is the third day after the mailing date, as provided by 30 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 70.10(b) and TEX. GOV'T CODE § 2001.142.

SIGNATURE PAGE

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

For the Commission



For the Executive Director

6/4/12

Date

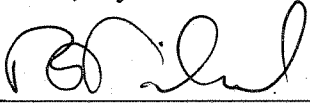
I, the undersigned, have read and understand the attached Agreed Order in the matter of TA Operating LLC. I am authorized to agree to the attached Agreed Order on behalf of TA Operating LLC, and do agree to the specified terms and conditions. I further acknowledge that the TCEQ, in accepting payment for the penalty amount, is materially relying on such representation.

I understand that by entering into this Agreed Order, TA Operating LLC waives certain procedural rights, including, but not limited to, the right to formal notice of violations addressed by this Agreed Order, notice of an evidentiary hearing, the right to an evidentiary hearing, and the right to appeal. I agree to the terms of the Agreed Order in lieu of an evidentiary hearing. This Agreed Order constitutes full and final adjudication by the Commission of the violations set forth in this Agreed Order.

I also understand that failure to comply with the Ordering Provisions, if any, in this order and/or failure to timely pay the penalty amount, may result in:

- A negative impact on compliance history;
- Greater scrutiny of any permit applications submitted;
- Referral of this case to the Attorney General's Office for contempt, injunctive relief, additional penalties, and/or attorney fees, or to a collection agency;
- Increased penalties in any future enforcement actions;
- Automatic referral to the Attorney General's Office of any future enforcement actions; and
- TCEQ seeking other relief as authorized by law.

In addition, any falsification of any compliance documents may result in criminal prosecution.



Signature
Barry A. Richards
Executive Vice President
TravelCenters of America LLC

3/13/12

Date

Name (Printed or typed)
Authorized Representative of
TA Operating LLC

Title

Instructions: Send the original, signed Agreed Order with penalty payment to the Financial Administration Division, Revenues Section at the address in Section III, Paragraph 1 of this Agreed Order.